

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :  
Hiroaki ONISHI et al. : Attn: BOX PCT  
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SOLDER PASTE PRINTING APPARATUS  
AND PRINTING METHOD  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination of the above-identified PCT application, kindly  
amend the application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Kindly replace the original abstract (page 222) with the enclosed substitute  
abstract.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 90, line 7, with the following  
rewritten paragraph:

As described above, by virtue of the squeegees 12a and 12b provided with the  
pressurizing members 28, a sufficient amount of solder paste 7 can stably be filled into the  
openings 4 of the printing mask 3 even if the squeegee speed is increased.